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Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-entitled application and made of record therein. Full text copies of the relevant documents are enclosed.

The Examiner is requested to fully consider this information and to indicate consideration on the attached PTO-1449 (Modified) by initialing next to each item submitted by the Applicant(s).

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